

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are currently amended. Claims 3 and 6 are original. Claims 7-20 are new. Examination of the application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 1, 2, and 4 have been amended to clarify their language so that it is clearly understood that the language of the claims is closed as to halogenated flame retardant in the polymeric composition. Only non-halogenated flame retardants are included. Halogenated flame retardants are expressly excluded. This is in accordance with the disclosure in the specification, for example, on page 13, lines 14-21.

Minor editorial changes have been made to claims 4 and 5 to clarify their language.

New claims 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 20 find antecedent basis in parent application originally filed claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 17, respectively.

New claims 16 - 19 find antecedent bases in the specification, for example, as follows:

- 16 page 13, lines 14-21
- 17 page 17, line 8
- 18 page 14, lines 3-14
- 19 page 14, lines 4-5

Allowance of claims 1 to 20 at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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